

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA HELD ON THE 8TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2016 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE BOARD CHAMBERS, MONTGOMERY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, 755 ROANOKE STREET IN CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA:

PRESENT:	Christopher A. Tuck	-Chair
	Gary D. Creed	-Vice Chair
	Mary W. Biggs	-Supervisors
	Annette S. Perkins	
	M. Todd King	
	Darrell O. Sheppard	
	April N. DeMotts	
	F. Craig Meadows	-County Administrator
	L. Carol Edmonds	-Deputy County Administrator
	Martin M. McMahon	-County Attorney
	Angie Hill	-Director of Financial and Management Services
	Emily Gibson	-Director of Planning
	Ruth Richey	-Public Information Officer
	Judy W. Kiser	-Assistant to the County Administrator

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order.

INTO CLOSED MEETING

On a motion by M. Todd King, seconded by Annette S. Perkins and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby enters into Closed Meeting for the purpose of discussing the following:

- Section 2.2-3711 (7) Consultation with Legal Counsel and Briefings from Staff Members or Consultants Pertaining to Actual or Probable Litigation, Where Such Consultation or Briefing in Open Meeting Would Adversely Affect the Negotiating or Litigating Posture of the Public Body; and Consultation with Legal Counsel Employed or Retained by a Public Body Regarding Specific Legal Matters Requiring Provision of Legal Advice by Such Counsel
1. Amended and Restated Commerce Park Participation Agreement

- (1) Discussion, Consideration or Interviews of Prospective Candidates for Employment, Assignment, Appointment, Promotion, Performance, Demotion, Salaries, Disciplining or Resignation of Specific Officers, Appointees or Employees of Any Public Body

1. Community Policy and Management Team (CPMR)

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

AYE

M. Todd King
Annette S. Perkins
Gary D. Creed
Mary W. Biggs
April N. DeMotts
Darrell O. Sheppard
Christopher A. Tuck

NAY

None

OUT OF CLOSED MEETING

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by Darrell O. Sheppard and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors ends their Closed Meeting to return to Regular Session.

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

AYE

Gary D. Creed
Annette S. Perkins
M. Todd King
Mary W. Biggs
April N. DeMotts
Darrell O. Sheppard
Christopher A. Tuck

NAY

None

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

On a motion by April N. DeMotts, seconded by Gary D. Creed and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County has convened a Closed Meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Board that such Closed Meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia hereby certifies that to the best of each member's knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion conveying the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Board.

VOTE

AYES

April N. DeMotts
Gary D. Creed
Annette S. Perkins
Mary W. Biggs
M. Todd King
Darrell O. Sheppard
Christopher A. Tuck

NAYS

None

ABSENT DURING VOTE

None

ABSENT DURING MEETING

None

INVOCATION

A moment of silence was led by the Chair.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS

Christiansburg Lions Club 75th Anniversary

Doug Kanney, President of the Christiansburg Lion's Club, spoke proudly of the seventy five year history of the Lions Club working to meet the needs of local communities and the world. There are 1.35 million members of the volunteer organization in 206 countries. In addition to their initiatives in vision health, Lions volunteer for many different kinds of projects, such as caring for the environment, feeding the hungry and aiding seniors and the disabled. Mr. Kanney requested that the Board of Supervisors designate February 22-27, 2016 as Christiansburg Lions Club Week in Montgomery County.

The Chair congratulated Mr. Kanney and the Christiansburg Lions Club, and informed him that a resolution is listed on the agenda under new business for the Board's consideration to declare February 22-27, 2016 as Christiansburg Lions Club Week in Montgomery County.

Virginia Department of Transportation

VDoT's Residency Administrator David Clarke provided an update on road projects/issues in Montgomery County:

VDoT has been doing a lot of road patching (pot holes) due to the snow, including Route 8, Rock Road, I-81, Woodland Hills, Prices Fork, etc. VDoT is also still working on some flood damage from September.

Supervisor Todd King expressed his appreciation for the work VDoT did during the recent snow storm.

Blue Springs Road (SR 613) The County Administrator called VDoT last spring about some problems at 5886 Blue Springs Road and VDoT went out and did some work and was supposed to go back out and fix their driveway. Supervisor King said they are getting flooded with water. Mr. Clarke agreed that VDoT would go out and check on the problem.

Piney Woods Road (SR 600) Supervisor King has been asked about what the speed limit will be on Piney Woods Road once VDoT has completed the project. The citizens who live on the road are getting a petition up for the speed limit to be kept at 35 mph. Mr. Clarke said the speed limit is usually set at 35 mph.

Pack Road (SR 668) Pack Road, which connects to Piney Woods Road, is in pretty bad shape. Mr. Clarke said VDoT will go out and take a look at it.

Supervisor Mary Biggs talked with a citizen who resides on Mt. Tabor Road (SR 624) and the citizen exclaimed to her that VDoT did a great job on Mt. Tabor Road during the recent snowstorm. Mr. Clarke explained VDoT received a lot of calls from people in Montgomery County who have snow removal equipment and signed up to help, and VDoT got approval from Richmond and put them to work at the beginning of the storm. He thanked all the citizens who signed up to use their equipment and work with VDoT to help with snow removal.

Supervisor Darrell Sheppard who lives on Long Shop Road (SR 655), thanked Mr. Clarke for the good job VDoT did on his road during the snowstorm.

Supervisor Sheppard reported that Lois Barnett who lives on Brookfield Road (SR 654), on the right going toward McCoy, is kind of left down in a hole in the road that was updated 20 years ago, and where she has to come onto the road, is always dug out. He asked that VDoT come out and take a look at it and see if anything can be done.

Supervisor Chris Tuck VDoT is working on the washout on Rock Road (SR685). They cut a small ditch at the entrance and are still working to get the proper pipe.

FY 2017 High Volume Unpaved Road Program

Planning Director Emily Gibson explained that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) authorizes the set-aside of unpaved road funds for providing hard-surface to unpaved roads with traffic volumes over 50 vehicles per day. The CTB has set aside a portion of these funds to address high volume unpaved roads, which are defined as unpaved roads with a traffic count greater than 500 vehicles per day. Applications for the FY 2017 High Volume Unpaved Road Program are now being accepted.

Applications need to be completed by County staff and submitted to the VDoT Residency Administrator, who will review it and provide a recommendation. The finalized application is submitted to VDoT's Local Assistance Division for evaluation and scoring in accordance with CTB policy. Recommendations for funding will be presented to the CTB in June. Each County with qualifying routes may apply for up to \$300,000 annually to address candidate projects. Applications are due to the VDoT Residency Administrator by March 18, 2016.

The one road in Montgomery County that has been identified as qualifying for these funds is Clarence Road (SR 601), from the intersection Laurel Ridge Mill Road (SR 602) to the intersection of Rustic Ridge Road (SR 616) approximately 1.10 miles, if the road is added to our Six-Year Secondary Road Improvement Plan. The Planning Director emphasized that no local match was required and this would not take funds from any other project. A resolution to add Clarence Road (SR 601) to our Six-Year Secondary Road Improvement Plan is listed under New Business for the Board's consideration. Also listed under New Business for the Board's consideration is a proposed resolution authorizing the filing of an application for VDoT's FY 2017 High Volume Unpaved Road Program funds for improvements on Clarence Road.

Former Prices Fork Elementary School Comprehensive Community Revitalization Project-VDHCD Grant Fund

Jennifer Wilsie and Elisabeth Willis, members of the Old School Food Center Advisory Committee, provided an update to the Board on the former Prices Fork Elementary School Comprehensive Community Revitalization Project. Currently, there is a team of nineteen working on this project for their non-profits or for-profits-with businesses as well as local government. The grant for this project is \$2.5 million, but in addition to that, public and private investments in the project has brought the total to \$6 million. It is estimated that approximately 57 jobs will be created throughout the process, and 25 entrepreneurs who hope to get the facilities up and running.

Members of the Board thanked them for the update, and congratulated them on moving forward. A resolution is listed on the agenda under New Business for the Board's consideration that authorizes the filing of an application for grant funds for the former Prices Fork Elementary School Comprehensive Community Revitalization Project.

INTO WORK SESSION

On a motion by Gary D. Creed, seconded by Darrell O. Sheppard and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby enters into Work Session for the purpose of discussing the following:

1. Presentation of the FY 2017 School Budget
2. Discussion of Constitutional Officers

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

<u>AYE</u> Gary D. Creed Darrell O. Sheppard Annette S. Perkins April N. DeMotts Mary W. Biggs M. Todd King Christopher A. Tuck	<u>NAY</u> None
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Presentation of the FY 2017 School Budget

Mark Mear, Superintendent of MCPS, provided summary information of the school's proposed budget, followed by detailed information for all budget changes. He pointed out that the proposed increases align with the four budget goals:

1. Continue Implementation of the Model for Effective Instruction
2. Recruit and Retain the Highest Caliber Employees
3. Program Enhancement and Targeted Restoration
4. Maintenance of Effort for Necessary Infrastructures

The total changes represents a 5.12% increase from the 2015-16 approved budget.

FY 2015-16 Approved Budget	\$ 100,505,755
Add: Total Additions	7,418,644
Less: Total Reductions	<u>(1,678,585)</u>
Total FY 2016-2017 Budget	\$ 106,245,814

Professional Development Expansion \$125,000

Professional Development is a key factor in implementing new instructional strategies and in integrating technology into the classroom. Professional Development work includes creating training sessions, delivering the sessions and providing support in the classroom which requires time for strategic planning, curriculum development and curriculum alignment. Providing ongoing support and follow through is a process which also requires time and specific support of staff. Currently, MCPS only has federal funds to use for Professional Development activities.

Expanding a Part-Time English Teaching Position to Full-Time \$22,011

This teacher will serve Shawsville Middle School and Eastern Montgomery High School. The additional time is necessary to provide additional reading services to help with struggling readers. Currently, Shawsville Middle School is a school in warning and the school's writing scores for 14-15 were averaged 47%.

Addition of Instructional Specialist (Coach) for Elementary Schools **\$66,700**

An additional coach is necessary to ensure coverage of every Title 1 school and provide contact point for non-title schools. The coach assists with the professional development efforts specifically related to curriculum development and alignment.

Addition of Technician to Support eBackpack Implementation **\$66,700**

The eBackpack program will be in year three of implementation in 2016-17. Due to the number of devices added to the district, an additional technician will be needed to fully support the program.

Funding for Remediation Support at Targeted Schools **\$100,000**

Each year we are faced with the challenge of supporting schools that are struggling to meet increased expectations. While we have made significant gains, we recognize the need to provide strategic support. Providing tutoring, intense remediation, and additional time or support and programs for students to master skills has proven to be effective. Past funding has often not been sufficient for year-long remediation, therefore, tutoring has often been limited. Increasing this funding would provide direct support to students.

Supportive Learning Environments/Instructional Learning Spaces **\$250,000**

As we explore and implement innovative approaches to learning, we want to create supportive learning environments that turn library spaces into learning centers that are right for today's rapidly changing digital world. As we look at our older facilities, we believe we can begin to pilot changes in the environments themselves to affect student learning and create collaborative space for creative endeavors. Modern design extends far beyond simply equipping a 20th-century classroom with computers. Smart spaces are designed to provide the truly intelligent learning areas of today and the immediate future. Design elements may include collaborative furniture such as furniture that adjusts to multiple learners which can be quickly reconfigured to individual mode for independent activities like reading. Moveable walls and innovative seating and scribble walls are all components to be considered. Intelligent lecterns, flexible lighting levels, reconfiguring gathering areas and providing sufficient electrical resources are also components to be considered in designing media centers and classrooms for modern learning approaches. We proposed to pilot new spaces within current schools and to begin to look at ideal designs as we revisit current learning spaces and determine best practices for new facilities.

Technology Infrastructure to Support the 21st Century Classroom **\$150,000**

The infrastructure and replenishment cycle to continue to support the 21st Century Classroom has previously been funded with one-time only funds either from carryover or through a one-time funds request from the Board of Supervisors. The funds are necessary as a part of the regular operating budget to maintain a consistent technology platform in all schools.

Add Instructional Technology Resource Teacher **\$66,700**

An additional technology resource teacher will assist with the integration of technology in the classroom. MCPS currently has six TRT's to serve 20 schools. Our goal is to eventually have one TRT per school. This additional TRT will help with the range of technology integration services throughout the district.

Salary Enhancement**\$2,957,692**

This includes salary and benefits for the first year of a two-year implementation of the Evergreen pay plan study. It is based on a combination approach, providing step parity for teachers and classification year parity for classified employees. The amount also includes funds to incorporate the current part-time incentive payment into the salary scales.

Projected Salary Turnover and Lapse**(\$1,678,585)**

Review of staffing positions and salaries included in the FY 2015 – 16 budget indicates a savings in the budgeted salaries due to turnover and lapse for a savings of \$1,078,585. The projected savings for 2016-17 is \$600,000 including projections for our retirement incentive program. This amount has been included in this budget and additional savings due to lapse, if they exist, will be realized during the carryover process and budgeted in the 2017-18 fiscal year.

Add School/Administrative Improvement Specialist position for SMS**\$98,594**

This school-based leader will assist with the daily routines and responsibilities for the principal. Increased student achievement can only happen in schools where administrators are well versed in research-based pedagogy and content in crucial areas. SMS is a school in warning with a high disadvantaged population and a high number of students who need additional services. This high need school needs an additional administrator to support the functions of the school.

Restoration of Five Elementary Teaching Positions**\$333,500**

These positions will be used to restore staff at schools that have the greatest need and would most benefit instructionally. Specific placement would be made in the summer as student enrollment and testing results become clear. Current potential schools include AES, EMES and PFES. AES has lost four teachers due to budget cuts, the school's PTR has risen to over 20:1, scores have declined and the school has lost their cohort of student teachers from Radford. EMES has the highest percentage of disadvantaged students and continues to struggle to meet state and federal accreditation. PFES has a PTR over 22:1 in the second grade, has a disadvantaged student population over 50% and is struggling to meet state and federal benchmarks.

Additional Math/Reading 180 Teacher for Christiansburg Middle School**\$66,700**

Christiansburg Middle School has a high need for remediation programs for struggling students. The Read/Math 180 programs are successful at the school, but currently utilize the resources of a special education teacher. Allocating a classroom teacher to support this program will reallocate special education resources in the school toward more struggling students.

Restore Budget for Supplies and Materials**\$375,000**

All teachers and staff members should have essential supplies and materials in their classrooms and offices, and available in their school. This budget line item was reduced several times during the economic downturn and the restoration of these funds is requested by schools and teachers every year. The supply budget was reduced by \$617,000 over 6 years – eliminating 13% of the original supply budget. This adjustment will restore more than half of those funds.

Restore Lunch Aides to all Elementary Schools**\$79,073**

Lunch aides were removed from budget in 2011. Adding these staff members back at the elementary level recognizes the increased duties of teachers, improves employee morale, and boosts student assistance and safety.

Restore Academic and Athletic Stipends for Secondary Personnel **\$133,798**

These stipends were removed from the budget in 2014-15 by 10%. The restoration of these stipends ensures fair compensation to teachers for their time and responsibilities outside of the classroom. This includes the adjustments to supplements recommended by the Evergreen Salary Study, as a part of overall salary enhancements throughout the division.

Add Student Assistance Program Coordinator to Serve Elementary Schools **\$66,700**

The Student Assistance Program has been successfully implemented at the secondary level. An additional coordinator is needed to expand the program to the elementary schools. The Student Assistance is focused on academic, behavior, and mental health supports and interventions for students.

Restore Math Teacher at Blacksburg High School **\$66,700**

Enrollment at BHS has increased by 100 students in the past year and math classes are over capacity by 75 students and this is addressed through a computer science teacher currently teaching math full time. An additional math teacher will alleviate this strain on other math teachers in the building and provide a more appropriately sized learning environment.

Restore Warehouse Worker **\$36,753**

This position was frozen in 2010 due to budgetary restraints and ultimately removed from the budget. The warehouse has attempted to survive using temporary help during busy seasons, but the cost of the temporary help meets or exceeds the cost of a full-time worker. This amount will cover the necessary funds.

Purchase Four Buses to Continue to Restore Bus Replacement Cycle **\$350,000**

For several years, MCPS reduced bus expenditures to help balance the budget. Adding four buses puts a total of eight buses in the recurring operating budget and brings us closer to our ideal replacement cycle.

Restoration of Funds to Shorten Walking Distances for Some Bus Stops **\$50,000**

For several years MCPS reduced bus expenditures to help balance the budget. Adding four buses puts a total of eight buses in the recurring operating budget and brings us closer to our ideal replacement cycle.

Administrative Assistant for Operations and Finance **\$46,688**

An additional person is needed in the operations and finance department to help balance the accounts payable, purchasing and the administrative assistant needs of personnel in the department.

Superintendent's Discretionary Fund for District Needs **\$100,000**

Maintaining a superintendent's discretionary fund is a common practice which allows superintendents a funding source to address needs as they see appropriate. Given that MCPS will have a new superintendent for the 16-17 school year, this fund will be set aside to allow the superintendent to promptly address needs as he evaluates the overall school system.

Three Additional Teachers for Growth in Enrollment **\$200,100**

The current projected enrollment for 2016-17 includes 64 additional students. Additional teaching staff will be required to cover classroom growth due to increased enrollment.

VRS Contribution Rate**\$469,429**

The Governor's proposed State Budget includes an increase of 0.6% in the required contribution rate for all employees in the professional classification and a 0.05% in the VRS Health Care Credit for all eligible employees. In addition, there is an increase of 1.68% in the VRS required contribution rate for all employees in the certified classification. All employees contribution rate for VRS group life is increased by 0.13%.

Health Insurance Rate Increase**\$ 665,248**

The proposed budget includes funds for an estimated increase of 6.5% in the premium rates for health insurance, the monthly premiums have yet to be determined. This increase is based on the past year's medical and prescription drug claims. Monthly employee upgrade premiums have not yet been determined.

Inflation for Utilities at 3%**\$98,344**

Current estimates are that electric, gas and other utility rates may increase at an average of 3%.

Bandwidth Increase (Goal: 100 Mbps per 1,000 students by 2017)**\$84,000**

State and federal agencies set a target for all school divisions to have a bandwidth standard of 100 Mbps per 1,000 students in 2017 and 1 GB per 1,000 students in 2020. Currently MCPS averages 500 Mbps per 1,000 students. As growth and interdependency on the internet for educational programs continues, a recurring investment in bandwidth is necessary.

Technology Life Cycle Replacement Plan**\$104,400**

The Technology Life Cycle Replacement Plan provides funding to strategically and proactively replace technology equipment that was purchased with one time construction bond money.

Software Additions for Recruitment and Security**\$87,114**

Departments across the district have purchased software additions through a variety of funds. The technology department has previously absorbed these purchases in their budgets, limited the technology support to our students and staff members. These recurring software licenses and additions should be recurring items in the budget.

Expand English as a Second Language Program**\$66,700**

New guidance from U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Department of Education requires school divisions to provide direct language assistance services. Increased staffing is needed to expand the consult services currently provided to direct language assistance. Currently, the MCPS program does not provide direct service to students in kindergarten or to levels four and five. Expanding these services will allow us to more closely adhere to the new guidelines and improve services to our students who are learning English as a second language.

Purchase of Records Application for Human Resources**\$35,000**

The Records application would assist in the electronic management of payroll tasks, including onboarding process management, contract renewal processing, time sheet collection, e-forms and document retention. Currently these functions are performed through a labor-intensive manual process. The software will create efficiencies within the department and help staff handle the increasing workload due to health insurance changes and Affordable Care Act implementation.

The Chair thanked the MCPS Superintendent Dr. Mark Mear for his presentation on the schools' proposed budget for FY 2016/17.

Discussion of Constitutional Officers

The Chair opened the discussion by reviewing recent events that brought this matter to the Board's attention when several people attended a Board meeting and addressed the Board about concerns they had related to constitutional officers, specifically, the Clerk of the Circuit Court. Following that, the County Attorney provided a legal briefing. Board members have received several e-mails and quite a few phone calls; therefore, the Chair asked that this matter be listed on the agenda for board discussion.

Supervisor Todd King stated that he has received several phone calls and visits. The main concern is, if we are supplementing someone's pay with taxpayer's money, they need to be accountable to the taxpayers about how they are using the extra money the County pays them.

Supervisor Annette Perkins said she understands that the County supplements the salaries of constitutional officers, but they are duly elected just as the Board members are, and they have absolute control over what goes on in their offices. Constitutional officers have the responsibility to see that things are done as they should be done, and they are serving the citizens. She is reluctant to do anything that evaluates what the constitutional officers do, and it is her opinion that it is out of the realm of the Board of Supervisors' responsibility.

Supervisor Gary Creed explained that this is a county-wide issue, and to his knowledge, there has not been enough input from the citizens to make any kind of decision. He asked that anyone who may have knowledge of a direct action by anyone that has caused what is being discussed at this meeting. However, he believes there is a lot out there and a lot of people know about it, and someone needs to be willing to share this information. That is probably all that can be done, but it does need to be passed along.

Supervisor Mary Biggs pointed out that the County Attorney had been clear about what the constitutional officers can and cannot do, and she does appreciate people coming and talking to the Board about it. She feels that these elected officials are evaluated every time they run for re-election. If the majority of the Board wants to look at supplemental pay that is given to constitutional officers and to their offices, then that would come at budget time. She went on to say that she is not qualified to evaluate a constitutional officer's performance. Supervisor Biggs' vision of local government is that we all work together to serve the citizens and all the constitutional officers have a unique part in this.

Supervisor April DeMotts reminded everyone, as the County Attorney explained at an earlier meeting, the Board of Supervisors does not have the ability to control the office or dictate decisions of any constitutional office. She pointed out that the remedy for that has already begun with the petition process, which is the only process available at this time. The petition process needs to run its course, and for the Board to do anything at this time would divert the process. An evaluation system already in place is the annual audit, and those audits could be made a part of the public record. They are also evaluated every time they run for re-election. It would be inappropriate for the Board to have any role in the process at this time.

Supervisor Darrell Sheppard commented that, in his opinion, the Board of Supervisors qualifies to take the supplemental funds and to make evaluations. He doesn't know how much the auditors know about the constitutional offices, but believes that the public outcry says a lot.

At the onset of this matter, the Chair started asking why the County pays the supplements to constitutional offices, and got the understanding that it was to avoid turnover in the constitutional offices. Since the Clerk of the Circuit Court first took office, there has been a 155.5% turnover in that office. The Chair is not aware of any other office or department that has that kind of turnover. If the purpose of the supplements is to avoid high turnover rates, that is the reason the County is paying \$21,000 in supplemental funds to the Clerk of the Circuit Court. These funds are provided because certain things are expected. When the Clerk began her 2nd term, she did not re-appoint some of the most experienced employees in her office, which resulted in having to bring in other clerks from outside our County, which is not operating an office efficiently and does not deserve an additional \$21,000. The Chair recalled a work session the Board of Supervisors had approximately two years ago when he commented to the Board that the Clerk was not showing up for work every day and he could not support any additional funds. One of the Supervisors met with the Clerk and after that Supervisor Tuck met with her. After that, there was some improvement. The Chair would like for the Board to request the Clerk to address the high turnover in her office as well as her attendance record. The Chair explained that he would ask the Board to support writing a letter to the Clerk of the Circuit Court and request that she provide information in regard to her high turnover rate, and in regards to her attendance record.

Supervisor Biggs recalled that supplemental funds were initially offered to all the constitutional officers, with the understanding that they would still be in charge of their individual offices. Supplemental funds were also offered to the school system but they didn't want to be a part of the County pay plan.

Supervisor Tuck pointed out that having that kind of turnover, when the purpose of the supplements was to lower turnover rates, and then watch 80 years of experience walk out the door, and we are not capable of operating that office and have to ask other counties to come in and help, it is an embarrassment.

Supervisor Creed believes there is information out there that the Board does not have. He indicated that he would support asking the Clerk of the Circuit Court to provide information in regard to her high turnover, and in regard to her attendance.

Supervisor Perkins suggested that this borders on evaluation and she would not support asking the Clerk to provide information in regard to her high turnover, or in regard to her attendance.

Supervisor Sheppard said he would support asking the Clerk to provide information in regard to her high turnover, and in regard to her attendance.

The Chair asked if it was agreed to take this up again in two weeks and discuss whether the Board of Supervisors should fund the \$21,000 that was requested. There was consensus by a 4-3 margin.

OUT OF WORK SESSION

On a motion by Annette S. Perkins, seconded by April N. DeMotts and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors ends their Work Session to return to Regular Session.

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows;

AYE

Annette S. Perkins
April N. DeMotts
Gary D. Creed
M. Todd King
Mary W. Biggs
Darrell O. Sheppard
Christopher Tuck

NAY

None

ACTION FOLLOWING WORK SESSION

**R-FY-16-89
REQUEST TO CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
TO PROVIDE INFORMATION
CONCERNING THE HIGH EMPLOYEE
TURNOVER RATE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE AND
THE CLERK'S ATTENDANCE IN THE OFFICE**

On a motion by Gary D. Creed, seconded by M. Todd King and carried,

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia that the Board of Supervisors hereby respectfully requests that the Clerk of the Circuit Court provide an explanation for the high employee turnover rate in the Clerk's Office during her term as Clerk and provide a response as to her attendance record as Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby respectfully requests a response from the Clerk of the Circuit Court to the Board of Supervisors before February 18, 2016.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

AYE

Gary D. Creed
M. Todd King
Darrell O. Sheppard
Christopher A. Tuck

NAY

Annette S. Perkins
Mary W. Biggs
April N. DeMotts

The Chair declared a 15-minute recess at 9 p.m. The Board reconvened at 9:15 p.m.

PUBLIC ADDRESS

Cindy Turner who lives at 1690 Ellett Road spoke in support of the Blacksburg Police Department and the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office for their investigation into the recent death of a teenager.

Karen Myers 492 Mt Tabor Road, believes some valid points had been made during the discussions related to the Clerk of the Circuit Court. When the Clerk of the Circuit Court brings in people from another county to work in the Clerk's office, the Clerk is not doing her job. The Board of Supervisors would be justified in eliminating the \$21,000+ supplemental pay provided to the Clerk each year. She believes everyone should be transparent.

Jerry Vaught lives at 5344 McCoy Road in Blacksburg. He informed the Board that his wife had worked as a Deputy Clerk for 32 years and she was not reappointed by the Clerk of the Circuit Court. It cannot be right to dismiss more than 80 years of experience for no apparent reason, and bring in people with no experience. Mr. Vaught has no way of knowing if the work is getting done in the Clerk's Office, but he believes the Board of Supervisors can find out if the employees are having to work late at night, on holidays and on week-ends, and how they are getting paid. Mr. Vaught sees this as the Board's responsibility and he believes they have the authority to get it done.

There being no further speakers, the Public Address was closed.

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by M. Todd King, seconded by April N. DeMotts and carried unanimously, the Consent Agenda dated February 8, 2016 was approved. The vote was as follows:

AYE

M. Todd King
April N. DeMotts
Annette S. Perkins
Mary W. Biggs
Gary D. Creed
Darrell O. Sheppard
Christopher A. Tuck

NAY

None

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by M. Todd King, seconded by April N. DeMotts and carried unanimously, the Minutes dated August 24 and August 31, 2015 were approved.

Appropriations and Transfers

A-FY-16-58 RSVP FUNDRAISING

On a motion by M. Todd King, seconded by April N. DeMotts and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia that the General Fund was granted an appropriation in addition to the annual appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 for the function and in the amount as follows:

520	Human Services	\$6,802
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The source of funds for the foregoing appropriation is as follows:

Revenue Account

416858 Fundraising

\$6,802

Said resolution appropriates fundraising donations received by RSVP.

VACo Steering Committees

**R-FY-16-77
SUPERVISOR MARY BIGGS
VACO EDUCATION STEERING COMMITTEE
AND RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2016**

On a motion by M. Todd King, seconded by April N. DeMotts and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, Supervisor Mary W. Biggs has been invited to serve on the Virginia Association of Counties' (VACo) Education Steering Committee and Resolutions Committee for calendar year 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia endorses Supervisor Biggs' participation on the Virginia Association of Counties Education Steering Committee and Resolutions Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors authorizes the County Administrator to reimburse Supervisor Biggs for expenses arising from attendance at committee meetings.

**R-FY-16-78
ANNETTE S. PERKINS
VACO EDUCATION STEERING COMMITTEE
AND VACO CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2016**

On a motion by M. Todd King, seconded by April N. DeMotts and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, Supervisor Annette S. Perkins has been invited to serve on the Virginia Association of Counties' (VACo) Education Steering Committee and Conference Planning Committee for calendar year 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia endorses Supervisor Perkins' participation on VACo's Education Steering Committee and Conference Planning Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors authorizes the County Administrator to reimburse Supervisor Perkins for expenses arising from attendance at committee meetings.

R-FY-16-79
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
VACO FINANCE STEERING COMMITTEE
AND BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2016

On a motion by M. Todd King, seconded by April N. DeMotts and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, F. Craig Meadows, County Administrator, has been invited to serve on the Virginia Association of Counties' (VACo) Finance Steering Committee and the Budget & Finance Committee for calendar year 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia endorses F. Craig Meadows' participation on VACo's Finance Committee and Budget & Finance Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors authorizes reimbursement to the County Administrator for expenses arising from attendance at committee meetings.

Appointments

R-FY-16-80
EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR
AND
COORDINATOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

On a motion by M. Todd King, seconded by April N. DeMotts and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia hereby reappoints **F. Craig Meadows** as **Director of Emergency Services** effective January 1, 2016 and expiring December 31, 2016.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby approves **Neal Turner's** reappointment as the **Coordinator of Emergency Management** effective January 1, 2016 and expiring December 31, 2016.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That employees appointed to boards/commissions/authorities as representative for Montgomery County, such appointment is contingent upon their continued employment with the County and that any such termination or resignation from employment would also constitute a voluntary resignation from such board/commission/authority.

R-FY-16-81
JUVENILE DETENTION COMMISSION
APPOINT WILLIAM H. BROWN
FOR A FULL TERM
AS A CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVE

On a motion by M. Todd King, seconded by April N. DeMotts and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, William H. Brown was appointed to the Juvenile Detention Commission for a 4-year term on February 26, 2008; and

WHEREAS, William H. Brown was reappointed to another 4-year term on February 28, 2012 and expiring on February 27, 2016, which stipulated that the end of a Board of Supervisors term in office shall constitute a voluntary resignation from any board/commission/authority appointment as a representative of Montgomery County; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Brown did not seek re-election when his term as a member of the Board of Supervisors expired on December 31, 2015 and constituted a voluntary resignation from the Juvenile Detention Commission; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors desires to appoint William H. Brown as representative for Montgomery County to the Juvenile Detention Commission in his capacity as a citizen of Montgomery County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia that the Board of Supervisors hereby appoints **William H. Brown** to the **Juvenile Detention Commission** effective February 9, 2016 and expiring February 8, 2020.

NEW BUSINESS

R-FY-16-82
RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDED AND RESTATED
NEW RIVER VALLEY COMMERCE PARK PARTICIPATING
AND REVENUE SHARING AGREEMENT

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by Annette S. Perkins and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, The County of Montgomery, Virginia is a member locality of Virginia's First Regional Industrial Facility Authority which was created pursuant to the Virginia Regional Industrial Facilities Act, Chapter 64, Title 15.2 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended ("the Act") and the Agreement Creating Virginia's First Regional Industrial Facility Authority dated September 1, 1998; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the authority granted under the Act the County of Montgomery has entered into the New River Valley Commerce Park Project Participation Agreement for the development of the Commerce Park Project with the Counties of Pulaski, Giles, Roanoke, Craig

and Bland, the Cities of Radford and Roanoke and the Towns of Pulaski, Dublin and Pearisburg (“the Participants”); and

WHEREAS, The Participants are both members of the Project Participation Committee and members of the Authority; and

WHEREAS, The Participants as members of the Participation Committee and as members of the Authority desire to dissolve the Committee and thereafter exercise the decision making responsibilities for the Commerce Park as Participant Shareholders and as members of the Authority; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of Amended and Restated New River Valley Commerce Park Participation and Revenue Sharing Agreement is to (1) expand the scope of the Project Description to include the overall management and development of the Commerce Park; (2) dissolve the Project Participation Committee; (3) preserve the voting rights of the Participants as shareholders in the Commerce Park; (4) update the Finance Plan for the Commerce Park; (5) amend the original share payment to include only the payment of debt service; and (6) amend the Revenue Sharing provisions; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors desires to approve and enter into the Amended and Restated New River Valley Commerce Park Participation and Revenue Sharing Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia that the Board of Supervisors hereby approves the Amended and Restated Participation Agreement by and between Virginia’s First Regional Industrial Facility Authority (of which the County of Montgomery is a member), the Counties of Bland, Craig, Montgomery, Giles, Pulaski, and Roanoke, the Cities of Radford and Roanoke and the Towns of Pulaski, Dublin and Pearisburg and authorizes Christopher A. Tuck, Chair, to sign the Agreement on behalf of the County of Montgomery, Virginia.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

AYE

Mary W. Biggs
April N. DeMotts
Annette S. Perkins
Gary D. Creed
M. Todd King
Darrell O. Sheppard
Christopher A. Tuck

NAY

None

R-FY-16-83
RESOLUTION TO ADD CLARENCE ROAD (SR 601)
TO THE SIX-YEAR ROAD IMPROVEMENT PLAN
FOR SECONDARY ROADS FOR FY 2015/16 – 2020/21

On a motion by M. Todd King, seconded by April N. DeMotts and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia that the Board of Supervisors adds the following road to Montgomery County's Six-Year Road Improvement Plan for Secondary Roads for FY 2015-16 – 2020/21:

<u>Priority</u>	<u>Route #</u>	<u>Road Name</u>	<u>From: To:</u>	<u>Description</u>
6	601	Clarence Road	From intersection of Laurel Ridge Mill Road (SR 602) to intersection of Rustic Ridge Road (SR 616) approximately 1.10 miles	Reconstruct unpaved portion

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
M. Todd King	None
April N. DeMotts	
Gary D. Creed	
Annette S. Perkins	
Mary W. Biggs	
Darrell O. Sheppard	
Christopher A. Tuck	

R-FY-16-84
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING
OF AN APPLICATION FOR VDOT'S
FY 2017 HIGH VOLUME UNPAVED ROAD PROGRAM
FUNDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS ON
CLARENCE ROAD (SR 601)

On a motion by Gary D. Creed, seconded by Darrell O. Sheppard and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, Section 33.2-358 of the Code of Virginia authorizes the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to set-aside unpaved road funds for providing a hard-surface to unpaved roads with traffic volumes over 50 vehicles per day; and

WHEREAS, The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) set aside a portion of these funds to address high volume unpaved roads, which are defined as unpaved roads with a traffic count greater than 500 vehicles per day and application for the FY 2017 High Volume Unpaved Road Program are now being accepted; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County identified Clarence Road (SR 601) from the intersection of Laurel Ridge Mill Road (SR 602) to the intersection of Rustic Ridge Road (SR 616) approximately 1.10 miles as qualifying for VDOT's FY 2017 High Volume Unpaved Roads Program funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia that:

1. Montgomery County wishes to apply for \$300,000 of FY 2017 High Volume Unpaved Roads Program funds to make improvements on Clarence Road (SR 601) from the intersection of Laurel Ridge Mill Road (SR 602) to the intersection of Rustic Ridge Road (SR 616) approximately 1.10 miles.
2. The Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the County Administrator to execute all appropriate documents necessary for submission of an application to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) for said project.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

AYE

Gary D. Creed
Darrell O. Sheppard
Mary W. Biggs
April N. DeMotts
Annette S. Perkins
M. Todd King
Christopher A. Tuck

NAY

None

**R-FY-16-85
RESOLUTION OF THE
MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION AND
FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS
THROUGH THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING
AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT'S
VIBRANT COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE PROGRAM**

On a motion by Darrell O. Sheppard, seconded by M. Todd King and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, Montgomery County has identified the need for affordable rental housing for low-to-moderate income households as well as entrepreneurial opportunities for start-up or expanding local food businesses; and

WHEREAS, The County wishes to apply for Vibrant Communities Initiative (VCI) funds administered by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (VDHCD) to provide affordable housing for ten (10) low-to-moderate income (LMI) households as well as upfits to commercial spaces that will provide opportunities for local food entrepreneurs to grow their businesses; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County worked as part of a team identifying the former Prices Fork Elementary School as an excellent site for locating the facility; and

WHEREAS, The Old School Food Center Advisory Board, has participated in designing the facilities to be used by the Old School Food Center and participated in developing construction and operational pro formas that delineate a project that is feasible, fundable, and viable over the short- and long-term; and

WHEREAS, If VCI funding is awarded, the County will contract with the New River Valley Regional Commission in order to handle grant administration for the project; and

WHEREAS, The housing portion of the VCI funds has a match being met by HOME Consortium funds and there is no additional local match required.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia that:

1. The Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes County staff to apply on behalf of the County of Montgomery for \$2,500,000 of Vibrant Communities Initiative funds to be used for the Old Prices Fork School Comprehensive Community Revitalization project and hereby commits to submitting the funding application on behalf of the project.
2. The Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the County Administrator to execute and file all appropriate documents necessary for submission of the County of Montgomery's Vibrant Communities Initiative application on or before February 24, 2016 and to provide such additional information as may be required by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development and if the VCI funding is awarded, to contract with the New River Valley Regional Commission to handle the grant administration for the project.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

AYE

Darrell O. Sheppard

M. Todd King

Annette S. Perkins

April N. DeMotts

Gary D. Creed

Mary W. Biggs

Christopher A. Tuck

NAY

None

A-FY-16-59
TRANSFER FUNDS FROM
SPECIAL CONTINGENCIES TO
TREASURER'S OFFICE TO COVER
UNION FIRST BANKING FEES

On a motion by M. Todd King, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia that a transfer of appropriation is hereby authorized, as follows:

FROM:

960 Special Contingencies (\$18,000)

TO:

162 Treasurer Collections \$18,000

Said resolution transfers funds from Special Contingencies to the Treasurer's Office for the costs associated with Union First banking fees.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

AYE

M. Todd King
Mary W. Biggs
Annette S. Perkins
Gary D. Creed
Annette S. Perkins
Darrell O. Sheppard
Christopher A. Tuck

NAY

None

R-FY-16-86
CHRISTIANSBURG LIONS CLUB
75 ANNIVERSARY AND
DESIGNATE FEBRUARY 22-27 AS
CHRISTIANSBURG LIONS CLUB WEEK

On a motion by April N. DeMotts, seconded by Darrell O. Sheppard and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, The *Christiansburg Lions Club* was chartered on February 15, 1941 and will celebrate its 75th Anniversary on February 23, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Lions Club International is the world's largest service club organization with more than 1.4 million members in approximately 46,000 clubs in more than 200 countries; and

WHEREAS, The motto of Lions International is "We Serve!" and the members of the *Christiansburg Lions Club* are actively engaged in efforts to help the community, with a special emphasis on eyesight conservation and programs that assist the blind and vision impaired; and

WHEREAS, The *Christiansburg Lions Club* hosts fundraisers, such as the Holiday Craft Show, where the money from these projects go to support community needs such as eyeglasses and hearing aids for those who cannot afford them; eye vision clinics; monetary assistance for the needy; and, many other activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia that the Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the citizens of Montgomery County, expresses its gratitude and appreciation to the volunteers of the *Christiansburg Lions Club* for their outstanding public service and dedication to the citizens of Montgomery County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby designates the week of February 22-27, 2016 as *Christiansburg Lions Club Week* and hereby commends and congratulates the *Christiansburg Lions Club* upon reaching its 75th Anniversary.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

AYE

April N. DeMotts
Darrell O. Sheppard
Mary W. Biggs
Annette S. Perkins
M. Todd King
Gary D. Creed
Christopher A. Tuck

NAY

None

**R-FY-16-87
RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION
MONTGOMERY COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER
JOE IVERS**

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by April N. DeMotts and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors recognizes the importance of public education in our community; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors appreciates the vital role that the School Board plays in establishing policies to ensure an efficient and effective school system; and

WHEREAS, *Joe Ivers* represented District F on the Montgomery County School Board from January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS, During that time *Joe Ivers* demonstrated his strong commitment to the education and achievement of the students in Montgomery County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, that the Board of Supervisors hereby extends a unanimous vote of appreciation and gratitude to ***Joe Ivers*** for his outstanding public service as a member of the Montgomery County School Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the original of this resolution be presented to ***Joe Ivers*** and that a copy be a part of the official minutes of Montgomery County.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

AYE

Mary W. Biggs
April N. DeMotts
Annette S. Perkins
M. Todd King
Gary D. Creed
Darrell O. Sheppard
Christopher A. Tuck

NAY

None

**R-FY-16-88
RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION
MONTGOMERY COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER
SARAH WOOLSEY**

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors recognizes the importance of public education in our community; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors appreciates the vital role that the School Board plays in establishing policies to ensure an efficient and effective school system; and

WHEREAS, ***Sarah Woolsey*** represented District G on the Montgomery County School Board from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS, During that time ***Sarah Woolsey*** demonstrated her strong commitment to the education and achievement of the students in Montgomery County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, that the Board of Supervisors hereby extends a unanimous vote of appreciation and gratitude to ***Sarah Woolsey*** for her outstanding public service as a member of the Montgomery County School Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the original of this resolution be presented to ***Sarah Woolsey*** and that a copy be a part of the official minutes of Montgomery County.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

AYE

April D. DeMotts
Mary W. Biggs
Darrell O. Sheppard
M. Todd King
Gary D. Creed
Annette S. Perkins
Christopher A. Tuck

NAY

None

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The County Administrator reported on the following:

Extended Work Session (retreat) on February 5th and 6th

The County Administrator thanked the Board for the time they spent on Friday and Saturday discussing goals and objective for the upcoming two fiscal years. All this information will be summarized by the facilitator and sent back to us.

VACo's Annual Conference Several of the Board members plan to attend VACo's legislative events later in the week. The County Administrator plans to be there Wednesday through Friday and looks forward to meeting with the legislators and hopefully to encourage them to address matters that will benefit Montgomery County.

Weather Advisory As the meeting has gone on, the County Administrator has kept up with what is going on outside, weather-wise. Reports are that the roads are getting really icy. The primary roads still appear to be ok; however, the secondary roads and the Government Center parking lot are becoming icy. He cautioned everyone to be very careful when they leave the building.

BOARD REPORTS

Supervisor Annette Perkins voiced her concerns about what has taken place during the course of this meeting concerning the Clerk of the Circuit Court and the resolution adopted by the Board that asks the Clerk to address staff turnover and her attendance at her office. Supervisor Perkins pointed out that she respects the opinion of others and has listened very carefully to what everyone had to say. The Board voted and the Clerk will be requested to provide the information and Supervisor Perkins will support her fellow board members, but she will not change her mind.

Supervisor Mary Biggs reported that she and Supervisor Perkins attended the September Eggs and Issues breakfast hosted by the Chamber of Commerce and the speaker was Timothy Bradshaw, Executive Director for the Roanoke/Blacksburg Regional Airport. Mr. Bradshaw talked about some of the concerns the airport had, such as trying to get the fares lowered and trying to get direct flights to some major airports.

Supervisor Biggs thanked the County Administrator for enabling the Board to have the retreat and thanked her fellow board members. She learned a lot and found it to be very helpful.

Supervisor Biggs referred to an article that appeared in the *New Messenger* about the volunteers that went to the animal shelter and took care of the animals during the snowstorm, and dug themselves out, some of them after three hours in the snow. She would like to find a way to thank the volunteers and asked the Board members to think about a way to recognize these volunteers, or if they should fall under our volunteer recognition, which would also be fine.

Supervisor April DeMotts said she is excited about going to Richmond at the end of the week, along with several other Board members, to meet with our legislators.

Supervisor DeMotts announced that she would like to personally congratulate the Christiansburg Lion Club on their 75th anniversary. As a member of the Mt. Tabor Ruritan Club, who recently celebrated its 50th anniversary, she knows how exciting those big celebrations can be.

Supervisor DeMotts encouraged the citizens to review the proposed school budget, keeping in mind that it is a restoration budget, and to please provide input to the Board of Supervisors as they work their way into the budget season.

Supervisor Darrell Sheppard thanked the County Administrator for coordinating the Board retreat. He found it to be very enlightening, and believes that much was accomplished.

Supervisor Todd King said he appreciates knowing that the Board members can agree to disagree, without resentment.

He complimented Blacksburg High School for recognizing “Save the Next Girl” during their battle of the basketball band recently.

Supervisor Chris Tuck asked if Board members would object to his bringing up compensation for the deputy clerks in the J&D Clerk’s Office and the General District Court Clerk’s Office while meeting with legislators in Richmond later this week. This issue did not come up until after the Board of Supervisors had adopted their Legislative Priorities.

Supervisor Tuck described a remarkable demonstration by the Sheriff and his Deputies this past week. The Sheriff invited him out to the Den Hill area where the Deputies slipped a device inside a vest, front and back, that when penetrated it utilizes the deputy’s phone to broadcast out as to where that deputy has been shot as far as his abdomen, and uses a google map to broadcast the location of the officer who has been shot, or the vest that has been penetrated. In addition to that, it also gives his blood type and that goes out as well. The Sheriff plans to make a presentation to the Board. Supervisor Tuck believes this could help save the lives of those who are out there protecting the citizens.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned to February 22, 2016. The meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Christopher A. Tuck
Chair

ATTEST: _____
F. Craig Meadows
County Administrator